

ISLAND RANCH TO BE SOLD

Valuable Farming Land to Be Platted for Settlement.

It is given out that the Island ranch, situated eight miles southwest of Fallon, comprising 12,040 acres of level land, and owned jointly by R. L. and W. J. Douglass, will be platted some time during the present season into segregations of 160 acres each, and as soon as immigration commences to come Churchill way they will be placed on the market, for sale at prices ranging from \$10 to \$50 per acre.

At the present time this tract of land comprises the largest ranch in the county, and the soil is unsurpassed. Of the 12,040 acres in the tract more than 5000 acres are under cultivation, and the crops are little short of wonderful, both in quality and quantity. In times past there has been produced upon a single acre of land 90 bushels of oats, 75 of barley and 60 of wheat, and while these figures sound big, there are many who stand ready to corroborate them.

The present owners' reason for disposing of the ranch is because their other large interests will not allow of their devoting the time required to operate a property of the size of the Island ranch. At the present time little farming is done, but to attest the richness of the soil this year's crop of grass hay averaged two and one-half tons to the acre, while other seasons, when water was plentiful, there has been produced five tons of alfalfa to the acre.

When this immense tract of land is placed upon the market and colonized it will furnish homes for nearly a thousand people, under whose industry it will attain its best. Water for irrigation can be had from the government ditches, by paying the regular water rate per acre that will be in vogue in this section whenever the irrigation work shall have been completed.

To add to Russia's many troubles a famine is now threatened among the peasantry.

Chinese tradesmen in Shanghai are organizing for the purpose of boycotting American goods and produce.

The press of the country is unanimous in advocating the highest honors for the bones of Paul Jones. It is recommended that the day of his re-interment be made a national holiday by the President.

Japanese army activity continues, and military experts claim that her forces hold the key to the Asiatic military situation. It is said that she is able to dictate her own terms of peace, and that they will be greatly to Russia's humiliation and financial loss.

Something of a Scrapper.

Ah Hoy, who conducts a restaurant in this city, next door to the Burchell hardware store, demonstrated last Monday that he is a past master at the art of self defense. The victim of the affair was a "floater" who ordered and consumed his meal and then refused to pay for it. The celestial used his fists in lightning style and soon had his man on queer street, but not until the air had been kept full of cups and other restaurant paraphernalia for several minutes, all of which Ah Hoy dodged very cleverly, and followed up with a knife play. By that time peace officers arrived and put a stop to the proceedings.

Ready for Lawrence's Arrival

Now that it seems probable that the crafty Lawrence will soon be one of the county's scar boarders again, Sheriff Shirley is making things spick and span for his reception. In going over the jail recently he and his deputy, Manie Sanford, discovered a bolt that had been partially cut. It was one of two used to hold the bar across the air hole of the steel cage, which is barely large enough for an ordinary man to pass through, but it is not thought that Lawrence would have any trouble in passing through the passage once that he had a chance. All needed to complete the job would have been a blow with any ordinary instrument, when the crafty criminal would have again had his freedom. It is supposed that Lawrence became discouraged with the failure of his various attempts to regain his freedom and did not utilize the air hole.

However, the local officers take every precaution possible, and should he be remanded back into their care it is not likely that any attempt he may make at jail breaking will be successful.

Churchill's Taxable Property

County Assessor James Lofthouse and two deputies are busily engaged with this year's assessment rolls. Hazen property has all been listed and by the end of next week little will remain unassessed. It is estimated that this year's valuation will approximate \$1,750,000, upon which a 15.7 mill tax levy will be imposed.

Should the high school measure be successful the special tax arising from the issue will be levied on next year's assessment roll.

The real estate situated on Main street in this city is being listed on this year's roll at \$10 per front foot, which is an increase over last year's assessed valuation of \$8.00.

This is a pretty fair index from which to judge of the rapid advancement made by Fallon properties during the past year.

Beach wants it understood that he is still in the harness and saddle business, and that he also has a shoe repairing shop in this department.

TALKS FOR CHURCHILL

Prominent Real Estate Man Sees Great Future for Us.

A. A. Hibbard, a real estate man from Reno, was in the city the first of the week looking over realty matters. This is his first visit to this section, and he expresses surprise at our resources. He has the following to say to the Reno Journal:

"The Churchill country will within a couple of years be a second Sacramento valley. Every imaginable crop can be raised under the irrigation being put upon the land by the government, and the conditions for agriculture, with abundant water supply, are just as propitious as obtain in California.

"I was never before so much impressed with the possibilities of the country as during my visit to Fallon this week. The government is extending its system, and while right now some of the ranches are suffering by reason of the fact that the building of the canal has cut off their former source of water supply, the condition is only temporary, and as soon as the great irrigation scheme is fully in operation some great things may be expected in the reclaiming of thousands of acres of land that have heretofore scarcely been productive of even the hardy sagebrush.

"Fallon is growing rapidly. Brick stores and buildings are being put up and the town has the appearance of being generally prosperous, and unquestionably has a very bright future. New people are going in every day, and the government is extending its works towards Stillwater, the historical county seat of Churchill county.

"I brought home with me several fine specimens of wheat and barley grown in the valley. The grain under cultivation looks fine and those who have gone into melon and fruit raising have met with conspicuous success. In fact, almost any crop can be successfully grown in the valley under irrigation."

Fine Material for Buildings

The Fallon Artificial Stone Company are doing a flourishing business in the building line and their work is easily equaling the best to be found in any of the cities. Dr. G. M. Gardner's building is rapidly nearing completion under their efforts, as well as the new Baptist church, and both buildings are coming in for a good deal of praise. The work of the company has demonstrated concrete blocks are practical for this climate, and it is likely that they will be used more and more as their worth is demonstrated.

The social club gave one of their enjoyable dances last evening at New River hall. All who attended report a good time.

Their Annual Bath Postponed

The Fallon bathing club is a new organization of which the town is proud. James Washington Richards is president of the same while Postmaster Wallace Jefferson Goodell has a large share in controlling its future by reason of the fact that he occupies the secretaryship. The recent hot weather has spurred the membership to immediate contemplation of their annual bath, and in a recent meeting ways and means were adopted, whereby they could consummate this important event. Postmaster Wallace Jefferson Goodell moved that steps be taken immediately to provide cheese cloth bathing suits, while another member objected and suggested butter cloth. To both suggestions James Washington remonstrated in the following words: "Now, bys, see here, back in Mizzouri, on Turkey creek, we used a poke with holes cut in two corners, and so hope me, Jehosaphat, they sartainly were the boss." The discussion has been hanging fire for these past few weeks until now the rivers have dried up, and their annual bath has again "gone a glimmerin'."

Will Deliver Meat by Auto

The Fallon Meat Company are making arrangements whereby their meat delivery to the contractors' camps can be accomplished on express train schedule. The new 40-horse power Pope-Toledo auto car, belonging to Mr. Douglass, is being remodeled to allow of the carrying of meat, and as soon as it is commissioned it will be possible to have the meat in the different camps along the line of ditch construction within half an hour from the time of slaughtering.

Slightly Off His Base.

A demented ditch man ran amuck in the Standard office yesterday and his hallucinations were many and original in character. He imagined that he was in the Salt Lake Tribune office talking to that paper's distinguished editor, and of course we could not help but feel the compliment. The fellow let us in on a detective scheme that is as original as the hallucinations he cherishes, and the public should not be surprised if they hear of some startling plot with the editor of this rag as one of the chief actors.

Piute Population Increasing

Fallon is rapidly getting to be the Mecca of the Piute, and during the past three months our Indian population has been more than doubled through redskin arrivals from nearly every part of the state. The Indian wickiup village adjoining town has a population of at least 200 at the present time. The majority of the men work in the hay fields, while the women do a flourishing business with the wash tub, and with their industry seem to prosper. In fact, there are few Indian settlements anywhere evidencing the prosperity that does the Churchill county branch of the Piute tribe.

WATER WILL BE FURNISHED

First or Second Week in August Will Witness Relief

The Carson Sink section is confronted with the worst shortage of crops in the history of the country. Several things have contributed towards bringing about this condition of affairs which have resulted mainly from the recent hot spell of weather and the fact that last winter's snowfall in the mountains was the lightest known in years. As a consequence the Carson river is dry, and unless some sort of relief is had many of the old settlers will be without water for even domestic purposes, and radical measures will be necessary.

A Standard representative telephoned L. H. Taylor, supervising engineer, and he informs us that the delivery of water has been temporarily delayed by the slowness of lumber firms with whom he has placed orders for material to be used in constructing the flume work necessary to complete the canal for the diversion of water from the Truckee river to the Carson river. The grading for the canal is completed and all that remains is a small amount of flume work. When this is finished water will be furnished the old ranches in quantities that will allow of irrigation by the old settlers.

It is greatly regretted by those in charge of government work that unavoidable incidents should have contributed towards causing the present conditions, and they are bending every effort to relieve the shortage of water that now exists.

Taken all in all, Churchill county crops have suffered this year to the extent of at least \$100,000, but when it is considered that the government is spending several millions of dollars for the benefit of the section, those affected are disposed to overlook the matter and wait for the more prosperous seasons that must come with the advent of water.

Notice to Voters.

The time for registration of the names of the qualified electors of New River township, prior to the special election to be held for determining sentiment concerning the building of a county high school in Fallon, Nevada, to be held on the 25th day of July, A. D. 1905, for the County of Churchill, will expire at 6 o'clock p. m., on the 15th day of July, A. D. 1905.

E. W. BLACK,
Ex-Officio Registry Agent.

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J. J. ANDERSON,
Ex-Officio Registry Agent.

Wm. Maxwell returned this morning from a trip to outside points.